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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 (Previously presented): A topsheet with liquid permeability of an absorbent article,

comprising:

a first side in contact with skin of a wearer of the topsheet;

a second side in contact with an absorption body of the absorbent article; wherein, in a wet

condition of the absorbent article,

the first side of the topsheet has a first q-max value, which is a first maximum heat transfer

quantity, of 1.1 kw/m² or less; and

the second side of the topsheet has a second q-max value, which is a second maximum heat

transfer quantity, of equal to or greater than 0.5 kw/m² over the first q-max value.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The topsheet according to claim 1, wherein the first side of

the topsheet has a fiber layer with a fiber density that is higher than a fiber density of a fiber layer of

the second side of the topsheet.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The topsheet according to claim 1, wherein the first side of

the topsheet has a fiber layer with a fineness that is lower than a fineness of a fiber layer of the

second side of the topsheet.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): An absorbent article comprising:

the topsheet according to claim 1;

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a liquid impermeable backsheet; and

an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet.

Claim 5 (canceled):

Claim 6 (Previously presented): A method for either selecting or evaluating a topsheet of

an absorbent article with a favorable dry feeling, comprising:

using a criterion for a warm/cool feeling of the topsheet in a wet condition of the absorbent

article, wherein

said criterion is indexed to a first q-max value that is a first maximum heat transfer quantity

at a side in contact with skin of a wearer of the topsheet and to a second q-max value that is a

second maximum heat transfer quantity at a side in contact with an absorption body of the absorbent

article,

the first q-max value is 1.1 kw/m² or less, and

the second q-max value is equal to or greater than 0.5 kw/m² over the first q-max value.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): A method for either selecting or evaluating a topsheet of

an absorbent article with a favorable dry feeling, comprising:

measuring, in a wet condition of the absorbent article, a first q-max value that is a first

maximum heat transfer quantity of a first side in contact with skin of a wearer of the topsheet, and a

second q-max value that is a second maximum heat transfer quantity of a second side in contact

with an absorption body of the absorbent article;

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indexing the first and second q-max values to a criterion for a warm/cool feeling of the topsheet;

either selecting or evaluating the topsheet as the topsheet with the favorable dry feeling when the first and second q-max values satisfy the criterion that the first q-max value is 1.1 kw/m² or less and that a second q-max value is equal to or greater than 0.5 kw/m² over the first q-max value.